

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of :  
Wolfgang HEIL et al. : Group Art Unit: Unknown  
Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned : Examiner: Unassigned  
Filed: January 11, 2001 :  
For: DROSPIRENONE FOR HORMONE REPLACEMENT THERAPY

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

**Page 1,** Insert the following paragraph after "FIELD OF INVENTION":

--This application claims benefit of the filing date of provisional application filed January 11, 2001 (Atty. Docket: PLOVIN-2), corresponding to converted non-provisional application Serial Number 09/484,026.--

**In the Claims:**

**Claim 3,** line 1, delete "or 2".

**Claim 9,** line 1, delete "or 6".

**Claim 51,** line 1, delete "any of claims 32 to 45" and insert --claim 32--.

**Claim 52,** line 1, delete "any of claims 32 to 45" and insert --claim 32--.

**Claim 53,** line 1, delete "any of claims 32 to 45" and insert --claim 32--.

**Claim 58,** line 1, delete "any of claims 32 to 45" and insert --claim 32--.

**Claim 62,** line 1, delete "any of claims 32 to 61" and insert --claim 32--.

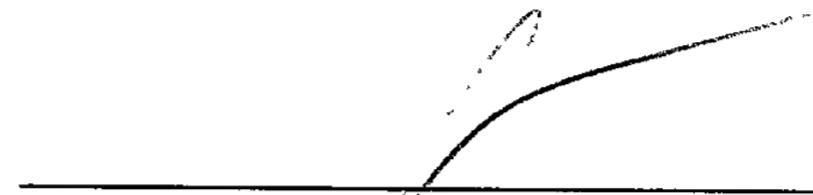
**Claim 64,** line 1, delete "any of claims 46 to 61" and insert --claim 46--.

**Claim 72,** line 1, delete "any of claims 65 to 71" and insert --claim 65--.  
**Claim 73,** line 1, delete "any of claims 65 to 71" and insert --claim 65--.  
**Claim 74,** line 1, delete "any of claims 65 to 71" and insert --claim 65--.

**R E M A R K S**

The above is believed to be self-explanatory.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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